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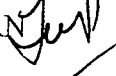
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FROM: LLOYD W. PELLMAN 
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RE: ***Elk Grove Unified School District v. Newdow (02-1624) –
Constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance***

At your meeting of March 25, 2003, your Board directed my office to keep you apprised of the status of the above-referenced case currently pending before the United States Supreme Court. As you recall, the Court granted a petition for certiorari filed by the Elk Grove Unified School District ("District"), seeking review of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision which struck down the District's policy of requiring teachers to lead willing students in the Pledge of Allegiance ("Pledge"), as violative of the United States Constitution.

The Supreme Court has set oral argument in this matter for Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 11:00 a.m.

Should you wish to obtain copies of the briefs filed by the District and Solicitor General, or some of the amicus curiae briefs, please contact Principal Deputy County Counsel Manuel A. Valenzuela at (213) 974-0691. We will keep you informed of any further developments with respect to the case.

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